

## Endau-Rompin — A Malaysian Heritage

The Canadian High Commission in Malaysia, through its Canada Fund for Local Initiatives, was the single largest sponsor of the Malayan Nature Society's (MNS) publication "Endau-Rompin — A Malaysian Heritage". This handsome hardcover book is the second phase of the MNS's Endau-Rompin project, named after a 92,000 hectare nature zone which straddles the Johor and Pahang states. The first phase was the year-long Endau-Rompin expedition, a Government-sponsored project to establish a conservation inventory of the region. The society would like to see Endau-Rompin become a national park.

The book is the first of its kind produced by a Malaysian non-governmental organization. Contributors to the book comprised noted botanists, ecologists and environmentalists who were involved in Phase 1 of the project. The photography is of extremely high quality, most of it done by amateurs and MNS members.

The objectives of the book were not limited to the documentation of the expedition and the raising of the project's profile. It also underlines the importance of striking a balance between development and the environment, and the need to place more emphasis on prevention through conservation rather than on curative mea-



*Tunku Abdul Rahman, the first Prime Minister of Malaysia and patron of the Endau-Rompin expedition, autographs a copy of "Endau-Rompin — A Malaysian Heritage" for Canadian High Commission Development Counsellor Anne Sutherland*

asures, a development priority of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), which finances the Canada Fund.

As a result of the project, the MNS has been approached by the Johor and Pahang state governments to assist in the formulation of park management and development plans for the Endau-Rompin area.

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## THAI-CANADA ANTI-DRUG COOPERATION CONTINUES

*Colonel Kongrich accepting the Certificate of Appreciation from Commissioner Inkster. Looking on are, from left, Gen. Sawaeng Theerasawat, Deputy Director General, Royal Thai Police; General Pow Sarasin, Director General, Royal Thai Police; Deputy Commissioner Henry Jensen, Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Liaison Officer Ken Kelly, RCMP, Bangkok*



During the 57th Interpol General Assembly in Bangkok in November 1988, Commissioner Norman Inkster of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police presented a certificate of appreciation to Colonel Komgrich Patpongpanit of the Royal Thai Police for his outstanding contribution in a joint Thai-Canadian drug investigation. The investigation resulted in the seizure of over 50 pounds of first-grade heroin and the arrests of several persons in Thailand and Canada.

During the presentation ceremony at the Dusit Thani Hotel, Commissioner Inkster emphasized the importance of international cooperation in our fight to eradicate the illegal drugs trade. "This case," he said, "is the finest

example of this cooperation and a model for the international police community."

The Thais are deservedly proud of their role in the investigation. Following this investigation, a feature had appeared in the Bangkok Post headlined "The RCMP Always Gets Their Man — With a Little Help from Their Friends".

During the General Assembly, Commissioner Inkster was also successful in his bid to win a seat on the Executive Committee of Interpol. He was elected as Vice-President for the Americas by an overwhelming majority.